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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH: Special Assistant to the Director
for Planning and Coordination

SUBJECT: Permission for USIA Intelligence Officers
to Take CIA's Basic Intelligence Course

Problem:

1. Mr. Henry Loomis, Chief of the USIA intelligence organization, has requested the Director of Training, CIA, to admit three USIA intelligence officers to the Basic Intelligence Course in November. The Security Office has stated it cannot proceed with the necessary clearances for USIA personnel until there is policy guidance as to whether such training is permissible for a non-IAC agency.

Discussion:

2. The spirit of the report on USIA's essential intelligence needs (which was approved by the Director) is one of seeking to make maximum use of the existing intelligence facilities of the Government wherever feasible and to meet USIA needs with minimum expenditure of funds and personnel by USIA. The Report was devoted to attacking the critical issues involved in meeting USIA's essential needs. There remain a number of lesser questions, such as this one, which will from time to time arise.

3. The Basic Intelligence Course does not involve sensitive material and is designed primarily for the orientation of E.O.D. officers under the DBI. The duties of the USIA officers in intelligence generally are analogous to those in the DBI area.

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4. The question has been raised as to whether, if permission were granted in this case, it would be considered a precedent for requests from other non-IAC agencies. It is not believed that this is the case. Such requests should be examined on their individual merit. On its merit, the current request is considered to be unobjectionable on the one hand and highly desirable on the other.

5. The Director of Training considers the use of his facility in this connection to be proper. He informs me that DDP [REDACTED] interposes no objection.

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Recommendation:

6. That the Director of Training be instructed, as a matter of policy, to make available to USIA the CIA training facilities insofar as such training is relevant to the essential needs of USIA's intelligence organization, provided CIA security standards are met by the candidates for training and provided no undue burdens (such as to require additional funds and personnel) are imposed upon the Office of Training.

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